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Customer Number: 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 4853.0084-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Masahiro IWAKURA )  
Application No.: 10/019,409 ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
I.A. Filing Date: March 31, 2000 ) Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty  
§ 371 Filing Date: December 28, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 3873  
For: SULFUR ATOM-FREE ENZYME )  
PROTEINS )

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2005 ("Action"). The period for reply has been extended three months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

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